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1. Amendment
2. Petition for one-month extension of time
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2002, Applicant responds and amends as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the last paragraph of the specification (before the claims) with the following rewritten paragraph:

— When a scanning X-ray microscope is operated with high-energy radiation, it is possible to generate X-ray fluorescence radiation from all those chemical elements that have absorption discontinuities with energies lower than that of the exciting radiation. Detector 15 for X-ray fluorescence is shown in FIG. 5. A scanned transmission image and a fluorescence image can thus be recorded simultaneously. --

Please replace Paragraph 21 on page 6 with the following paragraph: